

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
PINE BLUFF DIVISION**

**JAMES SPEARS, JR.  
ADC #122695**

**PLAINTIFF**

**V.**

**CASE NO. 5:15-CV-246-JLH-BD**

**RANDY WATSON, et al.**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ORDER**

Mr. Spears has asked the Court to schedule a settlement conference in this lawsuit. (Docket entry #53) At this time, discovery is still ongoing, so the request for a settlement conference is premature.

In addition, Mr. Spears has moved to strike the Defendants' response to his request for a copy of a his deposition transcript. (#67) Mr. Spears argues that Defendants failed to respond to his request for production within fourteen days and, as a result, waived the right to object to his request. Mr. Spears, however, did not file a motion to compel; rather, he filed a discovery request. Defendants, therefore, had thirty days to respond to his discovery request. FED. R. CIV. P. 34(b)(2)(A).

Accordingly, the motion for a settlement conference (#53) and the motion to strike (#67) are DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 21st day of June, 2016.



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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE